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Independent.

ACCEPT THE TRUTH WHEREVER FOUND. DO RIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF RIGHT

Collegeville, Pa., Thursday, February 17, 1898

Whole Number: 1181

Volume 23.

J. W. ROYER, M. D.,
Practising Physician,
TRAPPE, Pa. Office at his residence, nearly
opposite Masonic Hall.

M. Y. WEBER, M. D.,
Practising Physician,
EVANSBURG, Pa. Office Hours: Until 9
a. m.; 7 to 9 p. m.

E. A. KRUSEN, M. D.,
Homeopathic Physician,
COLLEGEVILLE, Pa. Office Hours: Until 9
a. m.; 6 to 8 p. m.

S. B. HORNING, M. D.,
Practising Physician,
EVANSBURG, Pa. Telephone in office.
Office hours until 9 a. m.

DR. R. F. PLACE,
Dentist,
COR. MAIN AND DEKALB STREETS
NORRISTOWN, PA.
Rooms 302 and 303. Entrance, Main Street.
Residence, North Street, Take Elevator.

Cheap and Reliable Dentistry.
DR. N. S. BORNEMAN,
209 SWEDEN ST.,
NORRISTOWN, PA.
In active practice 20 years. The only place
where Pure Lancing Gas is made a specialty
for the PAINLESS extraction of teeth; 100,000
gallons administered the past year. Beautiful
Artificial Teeth inserted. Charges Reasonable.
English or German Language spoken.

DR. FRANK BRANDRETH,
(Successor to Dr. Chas. Ryckman.)
DENTIST,
ROYERSFORD, Pa. Practical Dentistry at
lowest prices.

F. G. HOBSON,
Attorney-at-Law,
NORRISTOWN AND COLLEGEVILLE.
All legal business attended promptly. First-
class Stock Fire Insurance Companies rep-
resented. At home, Collegeville, every evening.

EDWARD E. LONG,
Attorney-at-Law,
and Notary Public. Settlement of Estates a
Specialty.
Office: Corner Swede and Airy Streets,
Opp. Court House. Residence: North Corner
Market and Stanbridge Streets, NORRISTOWN.
Mr. Wagner can be seen even at 10 p. m.

MAYNE R. LONGSTRETH,
Attorney-at-Law,
And Notary Public. Land Title and Trust
Company Building, 608 Chestnut St.
Telephone Office No. 482. Home No. 592.
Also member of the Montgomery County Bar.

HARVEY L. SHONO,
Attorney at Law,
No. 223 MAIN STREET, ROYERSFORD, PA.
All legal business promptly attended to.
Notary Public. U. S. claims. 4-11

GEORGE N. CORSON,
Attorney at Law,
TIMES BUILDING, NORRISTOWN, PA.
All legal business promptly attended to.

JOHN T. WAGNER, L. C. WILLIAMS,
WAGNER & WILLIAMS,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,
S. E. AIRY STREET, NORRISTOWN, PA.
Conveyancing and Real Estate. Properties
bought, sold, and exchanged. Rents collected.
Money to lend on good security. All legal busi-
ness attended to with promptness and accuracy.
Mr. Wagner can be seen even at 10 p. m. Iron-
bridge; Mr. Williams at Fort Providence.

JOHN E. ZIMMERMAN,
Justice of the Peace,
COLLEGEVILLE, PA. Legal Papers, Bonds,
Deeds, etc., executed and acknowledged.
Taken. Conveyancing. Real Estate. Business
generally attended to. The clerking of
sales a specialty.

JOHN S. HUNSICKER,
Justice of the Peace,
RAHN STATION, Pa. Conveyancer and
General Business Agent. Clerking of sales at-
tended to. Charges reasonable.

B. W. WEIKEL,
Justice of the Peace,
TRAPPE, PA.
Conveyancer and General Business Agent.
Legal Papers, Bonds, etc., carefully drawn.
Claims collected. Sales clerked. Moderate
charges.

EDWARD DAVID,
Painter and
Paper-Hanger,
COLLEGEVILLE, PA. Samples of paper
always on hand.

I. P. LATSHAW,
Painter and Paper Hanger
COLLEGEVILLE, PA. Estimates furnished
and contracts taken.

J. P. KOONS,
Practical Slater.
RAHN STATION, Pa. Dealer in every qual-
ity of Roofing, Flaging, and Ornamental
Slates. Send for estimates and prices.

DANIEL SHULER,
Contractor and Builder,
TRAPPE, PA. Contracts for the construction
of all kinds of buildings executed. Estimates
cheerfully furnished.

A. J. TRUCKESS,
TEACHER OF
VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC,
PROVIDENCE SQUARE, Pa. Organ tuned
and repaired. Maply

JOHN H. CASSELBERRY,
Surveyor & Conveyancer.
All kinds of legal papers drawn. The clerking
of sales a specialty. Charges reasonable.
P. O. Address: Lower Providence, Pa. Resi-
dence: Evansburg, Pa. 1800.

SUNDAY PAPERS.
Different Philadelphia papers delivered
to those wishing to purchase in Collegeville and
Trappe every Sunday morning.
HENRY YOST, New Agent,
Collegeville, Pa.

TABULAR

Of County and State Taxes, Charged
shall for the

COUNTY TAX FOR 1897.

TOWNSHIPS,
WARDS
AND
BOROUGHES.

Amblew. 1st W. 850.00 481.14 432.93 100.00
Amblew. 2d W. 1207.47 636.35 413.70 100.00
Bridgetown 1st W. 1001.24 509.92 300.22 100.00
Bridgetown 2d W. 881.99 440.99 244.55 100.00
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STATEMENT

to the County Treasurer, A. C. God-
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STATE TAX FOR 1897.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

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POST MORTEM.

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The floor is ready for Mr. Wana-maker and his platform.

THE New Jersey legislator who offered a bill to tax bachelors \$2 a year is quite enterprising, even though his popularity may not be increasing with much rapidity.

THE Commissioners' annual statement of the financial affairs of Montgomery county will be found on the first page of this issue, and every taxpayer should take the time to carefully go over the figures presented.

It was reported yesterday (Wednesday) morning that the U. S. Warship Maine at the Cuban port had been completely wrecked by an explosion, Tuesday night. The cause of the disaster has not been determined, Spanish vessels promptly rendered assistance.

RONEY was re-elected Receiver of Taxes in Philadelphia, Tuesday, by a majority of about 30,000. The Reform candidate William Rhawn made a good run, but many Democrats having forsaken their candidate Donnelly and voted for Roney, there was no chance for Rhawn's election.

THE dirt roads of rural communities are in many, many places veritable beds of mud. It is frequently assumed that the civilization of the present age represents an amazing amount of human enlightenment. The assumption may have much foundation in fact, but it will hardly be disputed that a considerable part of civilization is nearly up to its neck in mud, just now.

THE distinguished Thomas V. Cooper, ex-State Senator and ex-Collector of the Port of Media, has announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania. He presents his claim to the honor sought for in a circular of considerable length, and sets forth reasons at least satisfactory to Mr. Cooper and his friends who he should receive the nomination.

It is claimed by one who professes to have studied the records of temperature for a century that this is actually an old-fashioned winter; that the mean temperature of January was only a fraction of a degree higher than the average since 1895 and that the average of the five cold months for the last eleven years has been not lower but a trifle higher than for the whole period referred to, which covers substantially the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

DE LOME, the Spanish Minister at Washington, caused a rank sensation in official and other circles, last week. It appears that the Minister from Spain wrote a letter to his friend Senor Canalejas in which, among sundry deprecatory statements reflecting upon the U. S. Government, he characterized President McKinley as a "low politician, catering to the rabble." The letter was secured by a New York paper and was telegraphed all over the United States. De Lome has resigned. His resignation has been accepted by the Spanish Cabinet at Madrid, and Senor Louis Polo Bernabe named as his successor.

At the election in Norristown, Tuesday, of the dozen Councilmen chosen the Democrats gained four. In all the wards Republican majorities were greatly reduced. Democrats elected for Council are Jesse Fronsfield over Edwin Metcalf, in the Fourth ward; Thomas Berry, over Linwood Magee, and Lawrence Doran, over Thomas Hardacre, in the Ninth ward, and Jerry B. Lazere, 107 majority over William Symweller, in the Tenth ward, which usually gives 200 Republican majority. In the Fifth ward John C. Snyder, Democrat, was elected without opposition. The Republicans elected to Council are First ward, Job Jones; Third ward, Eliza Roberts; Sixth ward, John Baker; Seventh ward, F. G. Stritzinger and Charles E. White; Eighth ward, Walter Childs. In the Second ward John Lettenberger, Republican, and Jonas U. Cassel, Democrat, tied on 215 votes. Judge Weand says Council has the power to appoint in such emergency. In the Third ward Dr. Emma Richards, the only woman in the School Board, was re-elected, defeating Harry B. Tyson, Republican, by one vote. Three years ago Dr. Richards was elected on the Republican ticket. When that party declined to re-nominate her this year she was taken up by the Democrats.

A TRAIN speed of sixty miles an hour for a short run is common enough in these days of monster locomotives, but a sustained speed of a mile in a minute is still very uncommon. Perhaps the fastest

continuous record of speed yet attained was that of a newspaper train, consisting of a locomotive and three baggage cars, which left Jersey City over the Erie Railway at 3.18 Sunday morning and reached Buffalo at 10.48, having traveled the 425 miles in 426 minutes actual running time, 24 minutes having been lost in stops. The run from Hornellsville to Buffalo, a distance of 93 miles, was made in 85 minutes.

If it be true that there is no better test of business conditions than the reports of railroad corporations, then it must follow that business has been improving for some time. Here is the evidence furnished by railroad reports:—"Earnings of all railroads in the United States reporting for December, \$43,364,279, indicate substantially the same rate of increase, exceeding last year's by 10.5 per cent., and the earnings of 1897 for the same roads by 1.6 per cent. Since 1892 was, on the whole, the most prosperous year thus far, comparisons indicate, notwithstanding the lowest prices ever known, that the volume of business is larger, and, in spite of some cutting of rates, the earnings of railroads are larger than in the best year of past history."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 11, 1898.—The long predicted Cuban crisis is upon us! It was not precipitated by the speeches in the Senate, although some warm things were said by Senators Cannon, of Utah, Mason, of Illinois, and Allen, of Nebraska, in the course of their remarks, the first two on resolutions, the first for recognition of belligerency to be followed by recognition of independence, the second for intervention by this government, and Mr. Allen on his amendment to the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill, providing for a recognition of Cuban belligerency. Senor de Lome, the Spanish minister to the U. S. has written a letter, a fac-simile of which was this week published, in which the President is spoken of insultingly, and Cuban autonomy and the pending negotiations with Spain for a reciprocity treaty sneeringly referred to as tricks to fool this government, that is responsible for the existing crisis, which is likely to end badly for him personally and for his government. The original letter is claimed to be in possession of the Cuban Junta, which is responsible for the publication. It has not yet been fully authenticated, but there is very little doubt that it will be, as a comparison of the photographed letter with specimens of de Lome's writing, leaves little doubt that it was written by him. He has virtually confessed by tendering his resignation, but if Spain is willing to let him go that easy, this country may not be, and his passports may yet be given him, and if that is done, it is more than likely to be followed at once by intervention in Cuba or some other decisive step on the part of this government. In that letter, all obligations on the part of this government to wait further upon the developments of the alleged autonomy in Cuba were removed, and the administration feels at liberty to take steps in accordance with the overwhelming public opinion in this country, to bring about immediate peace in Cuba, regardless of Spain.

After a debate which at times was quite bitter the House adopted the report of the committee declaring Aldrich, who was the populist candidate in the Fourth Alabama district, to be entitled to the seat which Plowman, democrat, has occupied. The bitterness of the debate was intensified by the report of the majority of the committee, which was very severe upon the election laws of Alabama, intimating plainly, if not actually charging that they were formed to encourage fraud and to thwart the will of the majority. The democrats resented that, and Mr. Plowman was deprived of his seat because he was a democrat, and not because there was any fraud in his election.

The Senate committee on Naval affairs, with only two dissenting votes—Tillman, of South Carolina, and Butler, of North Carolina—has taken the first step towards the subject surrender of Congress to the armor-making trust, by deciding upon an amendment to the Naval Appropriation bill, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to contract with existing armor plants for the armor for the battleships Alabama, Illinois, and Wisconsin, now in course of construction, at a price not exceeding \$400 a ton. This was just the move that the armor combine was expecting. That was why they refused to furnish the armor at the price named by the last Congress—\$300 a ton,—although experts testified that they could do so at a profit.

The Senate Civil Service committee gave notice this week that it would grant no more public hearings. Some few things of importance that were not previously known have been brought to light by those who have testified have only had opinions or personal grievances to air, which were not of the slightest consequence either to the committee

or to the public. Senator Pritchard, chairman of the committee, says the committee will make a report to the Senate at the earliest possible time.

The Court of Appeals, of the District of Columbia, has decided that funds deposited by a Congressman in a Washington bank may be legally attached by parties holding judgments against them obtained elsewhere, and that a Congressman's only special privilege while in Washington is immunity from arrest.

Representative Howard, of Ala., brought the suit, \$91.12 of his money having been attached in a Washington bank, by a Tennessee trust company which had obtained a judgment against him in an Alabama court.

The Georgia delegation in Congress, aided by all the democrats from all the southern states are raising a hubbub over the nomination of a negro—J. H. Deveaux—to be Collector of Customs at Savannah, Ga., by President McKinley. Vigorous protesting prevented the politicians securing the appointment of negro postmasters at Savannah and Augusta, Georgia, and the same tactics might have succeeded in this case had not a number of the most prominent white merchants in Savannah endorsed Deveaux for appointment as Collector of Customs at Brunswick, Georgia. Now they are put in the position of objecting to take an official they are willing to endorse for another town.

Before the country allows itself to get over-excited about the Cuban situation it should emulate the Senate, which in the midst of it all indulged in a serio-comic debate on a bill introduced by Senator Morrill, of Vermont, and passed by a vote of 30 to 22, appropriating \$5,000 to gold the statue of Liberty, on the top of the dome of our Capitol. It is always well to remember that every crisis is not as serious or as dangerous as some take it to be.

The Money Problem.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Horace Boies is one of the ablest Democrats of the West, and the only Democratic Governor Iowa has had since the State was whirled into the Republican line in 1854. He was not only elected Governor in the strong Republican State of Iowa, but he was re-elected and enjoys the confidence of the Democrats of the West to a greater degree than any other State Democratic leader. Governor Boies supported Bryan for President, but after the verdict of the nation given on the distinct issue of the free and unlimited coinage of silver on the basis 16 to 1, he not only appreciated the fact the assault upon public and private credit could not be successfully sustained by any party, but he had the courage to declare it. He announced that the battle had been fought, and that the silver cause was lost unless new lines were formed to continue the use of silver on a basis in harmony with the financial methods of the civilized governments of the world.

Governor Boies delivered an address in his own State at Fairfield a few days ago, in which he makes an earnest appeal to the patriotic people of all parties to solve the financial problem by the free use of gold and silver on the only honest basis of intrinsic value. Any other basis for the use of gold and silver must mean serious fluctuations in the value of currency, and thus greatly disturb the business tranquility of the country. It is the only honest basis that can be accepted under the entire free use of silver and gold as money, and all who oppose it must do it because they seek to impair the sanctity of contracts and to destroy the integrity of public and private obligations.

There could be no practical objection to the free use of gold and silver as suggested by Governor Boies. Every silver note issued under his proposition would pass in every country of the world for the reason that it would be redeemable in gold or silver as the holder might prefer at its actual market value. There could be no depreciation of such a currency, and the use of both gold and silver on that basis would be entirely just to all. It would be as fully just to the silver producers as the government to-day is to the producers of wheat and other farm products, and to the producers of our coal, iron, lumber, cotton and manufactured articles, and it would establish the credit of the government on an absolutely invulnerable and enduring basis.

Governor Boies proposes that any person holding notes of the government may choose whether he will have them redeemed in gold or silver bullion at actual value, or in coin of the government; and if coin shall be preferred, the government may exercise its discretion in the payment of gold or silver. This would be entirely right. While the government has legal tender silver coin in circulation it must maintain it at a parity with gold, and the fact that the note holder need not accept silver coin but may demand and receive gold or silver bullion at its actual value, would take away from our present financial patchwork system the poison of repudiation that lurks in the forty-cent dollar, that may to-day be paid to any government creditor without

discretion on his part about receiving it.

If the Democrats of the country would hope to place themselves in a position to make hopeful battle in the States in the important election of 1898, and thus pave the way for winning the Presidential contest of 1900, they must distinctly plant themselves on a financial basis in which there is not the trace of repudiation. The proposition of Governor Boies would place silver and gold upon entire equality as a circulating medium, and at the same protect the wages of the working-men of the country, and the savings of our industries in our saving banks, and the billions of life insurance that is the dependence of hundreds of thousands of families, and it would make the credit of our boasted Republic equal to that of any government of the world.

Honest Democracy means honest money, and Governor Boies who followed the free silver flag until it was hopelessly overthrown, now points the way in which the Democrats of the nation must rescue themselves from fatal error and maintain the cause of free silver on a thoroughly honest basis that would command the confidence of the Democratic people and of the entire country. There is much food for thought among Democrats in the sensible, practical recommendations of Governor Boies.

A Model Town.

From the Louisville Post.

"Three miles from nowhere, in a little backwoods village over in North Carolina the other day, I found the one town in the world where everybody works, and no loafing is permitted," said a well-known traveling salesman last night.

"In this hamlet there's no idleness that is not voluntary or vicious, and this privilege is not allowed even to the wandering Willie out of a job. On a sign at the post office in Beechland is this junction, from which there is no appeal: 'No loafing allowed in this town. We work and so must everybody else who expects to reside here for any length of time. Idleness breeds crime, and as we never had a robbery or a murder here, we have determined to strike at the root of all evil. Tramps will be given one hour in which to depart, and honest men out of employment will be given work if they desire it. If not, they must get, and get as quick as their lazy legs will carry them away from our village. This means you!'"

A Mean Man.

From the Cleveland Leader.

"My daughter's husband," said Mrs. Smithkins, "is the most perverse man I ever saw."

"Indeed!" exclaimed Mrs. Hapsley.

"Yes," Mrs. Smithkins went on. "For years nobody could convince him that he ought to have his life insured, and during all that time he never took a bit of care of himself. But finally we got him to take out a policy, and do you know that he wouldn't think of putting on his right shoe first, in the morning, now? No, he wouldn't do it for the world. And he used to jump on and off moving street cars, but he always insists upon waiting till the cars come to a dead stop now, and yesterday I saw him deliberately cross the street in order to avoid walking under a ladder."

"How singular," said Mrs. Hapsley.

"Singular? Nothing singular about it. It's simply his in-born meanness!"

UNCLE SAM'S DOMAIN.

WITH ALL OF HIS EXTRAVAGANCE HE STILL OWNS OVER 600,000,000 ACRES.

From the St. Louis Star.

The idea that Uncle Sam is at present a landless old fellow has generally taken possession of the people throughout the country. This, however, is a great mistake. He still has land enough to give each one of his 73,000,000 children a nice little homestead of eight acres each and still have a ranch of over 16,000,000 acres left. In other words, your dear old uncle still owns something over 600,000,000 acres, distributed as follows throughout the various States and Territories:

Alabama, 532,339 acres; Arizona, 54,400,211 acres; Arkansas, 3,922,204 acres; California, 43,341,044 acres; Colorado, 4,037,204 acres; Florida, 1,197,662 acres; Idaho, 45,962,855 acres; Kansas, 1,046,589 acres; Louisiana, 845,020 acres; Michigan, 522,431 acres; Minnesota, 6,240,049 acres; Mississippi, 41,441,220 acres; Missouri, 479,764 acres; Montana, 11,432,917 acres; Nebraska, 10,669,353 acres; Nevada, 61,578,586 acres; New Mexico, 56,638,047 acres; North Dakota, 21,385,293 acres; Oklahoma, 8,105,238 acres; Oregon, 35,892,318 acres; South Dakota, 13,250,718 acres; Utah, 44,207,270 acres; Washington, 17,958,536 acres; Wisconsin, 454,107 acres; Wyoming, 49,341,538 acres; Alaska, 369,539,600 acres.

About one-half this amount of land lies, it will be seen, in Alaska, and it is very certain that this will never be available for homestead purposes, but for mining purposes its value in gold coin may prove to be even greater than though it were available. The larger part of the balance lies in fertile and productive States, and is all subject to homestead laws.

Those who want homes should avail themselves of the more than liberal homestead laws of the United States. This is the place for the surplus labor.

An epidemic of measles is prevalent at Shirehamstead, Cumberland county, Pa. The cases have been increasing steadily until at present over forty cases exist among the school children, and it is feared the public schools will have to close.

Killed by a Fall of Rock.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 15.—Thomas Farrell, aged 32 years, was instantly killed by a fall of top rock and slate in the colliery at Williamstown, this county, this morning. He leaves a widow and one child.

Individual Drinking Cups.

WEST CHESTER, February 15.—Hereafter each pupil attending the public schools of this borough will be required to provide his or her own individual drinking cup. This order is in behalf of better sanitary measures, and it is thought will lessen the danger from contagious diseases by contact. The School Board made this order at the meeting held last night.

Strong, steady nerves
Are needed for success
Everywhere. Nerves
Depend simply, solely,
Upon the blood.
Pure, rich, nourishing
Blood feeds the nerves
And makes them strong.
The great nerve tonic
Hood's Sarsaparilla,
Because it makes
The blood rich and
Pure, giving it power
To feed the nerves.
Hood's Sarsaparilla
Cures nervousness,
Dyspepsia, rheumatism,
Catarrh, scrofula,
And all forms of
Impure blood.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At drugists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. 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Providence Independent
TERMS: \$1.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE
Thursday, Feb'y 17, 1898

HOME AND ABROAD.

—The g. h.,
—Whether responsible or not
—For weather conditions in February,
—Is hardly accountable
—For some of the election results, Tuesday.
—If there should now exist
—A little soreness here and there
—It should be remembered that Time furnishes
—A healing balm,
—And that ere the swallows come again
—The keen edge of many a disappointment will be worn off.
—There are times when it is better to work and lose than not to work at all.
—Of course, much depends upon the character of the work.
—Did you get a valentine, Monday?
—The advertisement of Samuel R. Mowrey, artistic mill driller, of Springfield, will be found in another column. Mr. Mowrey has had ten years' experience and he can be depended on to do good work at reasonable figures.
—Mrs. W. P. Fenton, of this borough, is visiting friends in Brooklyn and New York.
—The West End Advertiser, Norristown, has just issued an attractive calendar.
—Our Burgess, F. J. Clamer, and family, disposed of a watermelon—the last of the crop from Glen Farm, season of '97—last Sunday evening.
—The electric plant to supply Shepard's Perkiomen Bridge hotel with light is in operation.
—A. G. Haldeman, the well-known dealer in stoves, heaters, etc., of Line Lexington, was in town Tuesday afternoon.
—Jesse Laros, of this borough, has purchased a sorrel pacing horse. The animal is fine looking and speedy.
—Alfred M. Herkness, proprietor of Herkness' horse and carriage bazaar, Philadelphia, died in that city Saturday, aged 80 years.
—Jonathan Wolfe, aged 87 years, of Hopewell, this county, cut a new tooth the other day.
—The Liquor License Court of Philadelphia will pass upon 2785 applications for licenses. Last year the number was 3010, of which 2193 were granted.
—The Mite Society of the Lower Providence Presbyterian church have arranged a very entertaining program for the annual meeting which takes place February 22.
—Kansas spends \$5,000,000 for education, has 12,000 trained teachers in service, and has endowed the work with \$20,000,000.
—The average life of women in France during the last thirty-two years has been thirty-eight years, and the men thirty-six.
—The annual banquet of the Ursinus College Association, of Philadelphia, will be held on Feb. 25.
—George Sherman, who was shot by his wife at Port Kennedy, is reported out of danger. He still has a bullet in one of his lungs.
—A Dixfield, Me., factory has just completed an order for 8,000,000 checkers and 200,000 dice boxes, and at another factory in the same town they have made this year 25,000,000 toothpicks.
—Last Saturday evening the Methodist church of Valley Forge held a supper which netted about fifty dollars.
—Philadelphia Markets.
Winter bran, \$15.50 @ 16.25; flour, \$2.90 to \$3.10; rye flour, \$2.40; wheat, 97c to 97½c; corn, 34½c; oats, 30c; butter, 18 to 20c; poultry, live, 90c @ 94c; dressed, 10c @ 10½c; timothy hay, 60c @ 70c; mixed, 55c @ 60c; straw, 35c @ 40c; beef, cut 41 @ 50c; sheep, 3 @ 3½; lambs, 5 @ 6½; hogs, western, 5 @ 6c.

Meeting of Town Council.

A regular meeting of Town Council was held at the usual place last Friday evening. Routine business was transacted. It was expected that Messrs. Skelly & Weaver, the contractors of Norristown who macadamized Main street, would be present to discuss the differences of opinion existing between Town Council and themselves in relation to the incompleteness of the contract, but the gentlemen did not put in their appearance.

Had to Pay Five Dollars.

A concert by the Ursinus College Glee and Mandolin Club was given in Association Hall, Norristown, last Thursday evening. The manager of the Club, Mr. Hershey, was required to pay a license fee of \$5, in accordance with a recently adopted ordinance, before the entertainment began. The situation was: Pay \$5, or be liable to a fine of \$70 and costs. It was rather rough on the boys, but—sailing on the sea of life is not always smooth and easy.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75 cents.

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Died of His Injuries.

Frederick Richards, of Bridgeport, died at Charity Hospital, Thursday evening, from injuries received on the Reading Railway at Port Kennedy.

Nearing Completion.

The work on the Jeffersonville Presbyterian church is advancing toward completion. The plasterers are at work and the structure will be completed in several weeks.

Lamp Explosion.

A hanging lamp in the home of John Hines, at Roversford, Saturday night, exploded. Mr. Hines' mother-in-law, Mrs. Jacob Hazzard, was badly burned about the face and hands.

Church to be Dedicated at Roversford.

The new church edifice, erected at Roversford by the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, will be dedicated on Sunday, February 27. A number of pastors of the denomination will be present.

First Anniversary.

The first anniversary of the Trappe Temperance Society will be held next Saturday evening in the United Evangelical church, Trappe. An entertaining program has been prepared for the occasion, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

Must Elect a Fire Chief.

Property owners in Pottstown must either pay increased rates of insurance or see to it that a Chief is appointed over the fire companies of that town. It is now anticipated that Town Council will withhold the annual appropriation until the firemen agree on a chief.

Lenten Service.

Morning prayer and sermon at St. Paul's Memorial near Oaks at 10.45. Evening prayer and sermon on the Wednesday following through Lent at 7.30. Good Friday at 10.45 a. m. A cordial welcome extended to all. Benjamin J. Douglass, rector.

Fell Through a Bridge.

Samuel Drake is at Charity Hospital suffering from severe injuries received in a fall from a bridge on the Trenton-Cut-off. Drake was walking along the railroad about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning on the way to his home in Harbor when he fell through the bridge to the ground 30 feet below.

Bar Supper.

The annual banquet of the Montgomery County Bar Association was held at Soules' (Reissers), Philadelphia (not Norristown) last Saturday evening. The menu was elaborate and the disciples of Blackstone made a vigorous attack on things good to eat and drink. The banquet was held in Philadelphia, not Norristown.

Cows Killed.

All the cows belonging to Wm. Gebert of near Schwenksville were recently killed, after having exhibited evidence of tuberculosis. After being killed the cows were examined by Dr. H. P. Keeley, who had applied the tuberculin test, as agent for the State Live Stock Sanitary Board. The examination furnished ample reason to justify the killing of the animals.

Yerkes Y. W. C. T. U.

The regular meeting of the Yerkes Y. W. C. T. U., held at the residence of James G. Detwiler, Monday evening, was well attended. The keynote of the meeting was sounded by Mrs. Emma Gensow, of Norristown. The other participants in the program were Misses Susie Detwiler, Joanna Weikel, Sarah Reiff, and Isiah Landes. One new member was added to the Union.

One Way of Downing Opposition.

Sylvanus Bane is the proprietor of the "upper" hotel in Kulpsville. Last week he purchased the "lower" hotel in the same village and took possession of it. He intends to convert the "upper" hotel into dwelling apartments for two families and maintain a monopoly of the hotel business in Kulpsville, all of which indicates that Sylvanus has a great head for business.

A Brutal Assault.

William Saylor, a Sanatoga store clerk, was severely injured by George Shaner, of Lower Pottsville, beginning of last week. The clerk requested Shaner to square his account, when a war of words ensued. Shaner picked up a heavy scale weight and threw it at Saylor. It struck him in the head and fractured his skull, and for awhile he was not expected to recover. His condition is now improving. Shaner is in jail.

Newspaper Plant Sold.

Arthur K. Thomas, editor and proprietor of the Ambler Gazette has sold that newspaper plant to Morris Haywood for \$8,000. Mr. Haywood has taken possession. Mr. Thomas, who is President of the Press League of Montgomery and Bucks counties, was one of the founders of the Schwenksville Item. He subsequently acquired the Lansdale Record which he sold to H. M. Woodmansee. About 12 years ago he became proprietor of the Ambler Gazette and conducted that paper successfully. We are informed that it is Mr. Thomas' intention to engage in the newspaper business elsewhere.

Another Pottstown Fire.

For the third Saturday night in succession Pottstown was the scene of destructive fires. The blaze broke out in the large hay press of Rieger & Sons, on North Harter street, and completely destroyed it. The flames communicated to the residence of Horace Reigner and William Welsh and to St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Mr. Welsh's home was burned, but Mr. Reigner's was saved, although it was greatly damaged. In the office of Reigner & Sons were the halcyon and all papers for the Ninth ward of Tuesday's election, and they were all destroyed. The loss will be about \$10,000, partly insured. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin.

If you feel weak, dull and discouraged,

you will find a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla will do you wonderful good.

For the Relief of Cuban Sufferers.

The collection for the relief of Cuban sufferers in St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe, last Sunday morning, amounted to \$33.15.

Contract for an Electric Light Plant.

The Finance Committee of Norristown Town Council has decided to recommend to Council the awarding of the contract for the construction of an electric light plant to the Falkown Engineering Company, of Philadelphia, whose bid is \$41,000.

Suicide.

Frederick Phillips, a German, aged about 82 years, committed suicide by hanging himself in a woodshed at his home in Lower Providence, Tuesday afternoon. The old man was alone in the world, his only child, an invalid daughter, having died some months ago. It is probable that the funeral will be held next Sunday at 10 a. m.

Special Sermon.

At the evening service in the M. E. Church, Evansburg, next Sunday at 8 o'clock, a special sermon by the pastor will relate to the subject of Missions. A Chinese god or image, said to have been worshiped for upwards of 200 years in China, will be exhibited. All collections from next Sunday's services will be devoted to the missionary cause. All invited.

Colonial Supper.

The colonial supper to be given by the ladies of the Montgomery Historical Society on Washington's Birthday in City Hall, Norristown, will be an event that will attract the interest and presence of hundreds of people. The enterprise of the ladies should be well supported by all who believe in the laudable work the Historical Society is engaged in.

Another Telephone Company Chartered.

The Chester County Telegraph and Telephone Company, of Oaks, capital \$30,000, has been chartered. The lines of the Company are to be placed in Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, Lancaster and Delaware counties. The incorporators are: Samuel W. Gumbes, Samuel W. Gumbes, Jr., Frank M. Gumbes, of Oaks, and Thomas L. Hodge and William D. Barnard, Philadelphia.

Will Meet to Organize.

Those interested in the formation of a branch of the Washington National Building and Loan Association will meet at J. S. Shepard's Perkiomen Bridge hotel this (Thursday) evening, February 17, when an organization is intended to be effected. Quite a number of shares have been subscribed for by persons residing in this borough, Trappe and Evansburg. All who have subscribed and all who intend to take shares in the Association are invited to be present.

FROM PROVIDENCE SQUARE.

John C. Gouldy purchased a nice iron gray horse at Walker's sale at Norristown last week.

Stella, daughter of Harvey Cauffman, is seriously ill with grippie.

There are symptoms of pneumonia.

Albert Casselberry is also on the sick list.

Samuel Detwiler was moved down stairs on Monday. He seems to be stronger.

RELIGIOUS.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School, 3 p. m. Also a service at Roversford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. J. S. Toombs, pastor. Sunday school at 9.45 a. m. Preaching, Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting on Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Ironbridge: Preaching next Sabbath evening at 7.45. Sabbath School at 2 o'clock p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. All are invited to every meeting. Strangers welcomed.

Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe. Installation service next Sunday at 10 a. m. Rev. D. H. Ketter, of Quakertown will have charge of this service. Evening service at 7.30 o'clock. Luther League at 6.30; B. F. Brownback, leader. All invited.

St. Paul's Memorial Protestant Episcopal church, Oaks. Sten. Rev. Benj. J. Douglass, rector. Sunday services at 10.45 o'clock a. m. and at 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. The seats are free and a cordial welcome is extended to all persons to attend the services of the church. "The Spirit and the Bride, say Come." Rev. xxii, 17.

Trappe United Evangelical church: Preaching next Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Sunday School at 1.30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend. Rev. J. Max Longsdorf, pastor.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service on Sunday evening at 6.30 o'clock. Congregational prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Catechetical class at 2 p. m., and Junior C. E. prayer-meeting at 3 p. m., on Saturday. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

Trinity church: Wednesday evening, prayer service, 7.30 o'clock. Sunday: Sunday School, at 9 o'clock a. m. preaching at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. The Junior C. E. prayer service, at 2 p. m., and the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, at 7 o'clock p. m., Mr. H. H. Shank, leader. The pastor will hold preparatory services, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, and Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, the Sacraments of Holy baptism and the Holy Communion will be administered, in the Schippackville church.

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FEBRUARY ELECTION RESULTS.

BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE.

One hundred and three out of about one hundred and thirty-eight voters went to the polls in this borough Tuesday. As will be observed the Democrats elected their candidate for School Director by a majority of one, a victory that may afford occasion for a Democratic jollification meeting and for an overhauling of the cog-gearing of the Republican machine. Judge of Elections, J. M. Zimmerman, r. 85. Inspector, Roscoe C. Pateroff, r. 62; E. J. Asenfelder, d. 36. Town Council, Wm. P. Zier, Jr., r. 82; John L. Bechtel, r. 62; G. W. Yost, d. 32. School Directors, F. H. Grislock, r. 71; Horace L. Saylor, r. 51; Daniel Watt, d. 52; Assessor, G. W. Zimmerman, r. 68; Edward David, d. 31. Auditor, Hiram Halteman, r. 71.

BOROUGH OF TRAPPE.

A warmer local political contest was perhaps never waged in this section of the county than that which closed Tuesday evening in Trappe. The size of the Democratic majority for Town Councilmen is somewhat of a surprise to the many who follow the theory of the battle by various persons include state of certain persuasive influences other than the logic of arguments. One of the two Williams is being encouraged to take a trip to Klondike. For Town Council the result stands: Harry Stealy, d. 63; J. W. Wisler, d. 62; J. Christian Keller, r. 33; H. S. Pennapacker, r. 33. For School Director, Joseph Custer, who was nominated by the Democrats and endorsed by the Republicans received 87 votes; J. M. Latschaw, r. 40; H. U. Wismer, d. 60. For Assessor, Beniah Bradford, nominated by the Republicans and endorsed by the Democrats, received 92 votes. Justice of the Peace, B. W. Weikel, r. 52; Francis Zollers, d. 42. Inspector, A. F. Bertolet, r. 55; M. H. Keeler, d. 40. Auditor, H. M. Slottner, r. 52; A. D. Wagner, d. 41.

Township of Upper Providence.

Following is the result of the election in the three districts of Upper Providence:

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS.

T.D.M.D.L.D. Geo. W. Bartholomew, r. 30. John Asenfelder, r. 21. A. D. Bechtel, r. 56. Joseph Feigley, d. 21. Jacob Greger, r. 166. Harvey Geist, d. 67.

INSPECTOR.

Milton Schrack, r. 35. Daniel Shuler, d. 16. H. Rittenhouse, r. 53. A. T. Reed, d. 24. S. Howard Yocum, r. 171. Samuel Poley, d. 61.

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR.

Ponrose W. Thomas, r. 35. Samuel Gouldy, d. 16. J. K. Leidy, r. 54. Wilson Bean, d. 52. A. H. Brower, r. 166. Sam'l H. Hallman, d. 66.

SUPERVISORS.

Abram Hallman, r. 31 51 188. F. Shwalter, r. 34 56 181. John D. Whitby, d. 19 23 49. David Reizer, d. 17 23 49.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

Nathaniel Moyer, r. 35 54 169. Samuel K. Anson, r. 34 52 173. J. W. Thompson, r. 30 49 166. J. C. Webb, d. 15 23 58. Joseph W. Stealy, d. 17 25 56. A. T. Reed, d. 18 26 52.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

G. B. Sowers, r. 31 53 181. G. W. Bartholomew, r. 33 51 170. Jonathan Hoyer, d. 15 26 52.

ASSESSOR.

M. V. Detwiler, r. 25 52 157. Thomas Griffin, d. 25 25 78.

AUDITOR.

A. D. Bechtel, r. 32 53 171. Wm. Austin, d. 18 24 58.

TOWN CLERK.

H. A. Harley, r. 32 53 171. Ambrose Asenfelder, d. 18 24 59.

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER PROVIDENCE.

